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Concert determines perfect gift

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Sometimes Christmas shopping needs a little boost to get it off to a good start, and so it was in the second of Elk Point Elementary School's annual concerts, starring the KA, KC and all of the B class students.

Following greetings by MCs Carson Tung and Brooke Gormley and O Canada led by Shae Rinas and Alexis Bristow, representatives of the 5A class came forward to make their much anticipated draw for a stocking packed with 100 loonies. Chris Lecopoy was the lucky winner.

Following brief Christmas messages from school board representative Darrell Younghans and principal Lorne Young, a group of clipboard-toting researchers came on stage to ponder the problem of drawing more shoppers to the Buymore Shopping Mall. Together, they came up with a great solution.

"Let's have a contest. We'll ask everyone to tell us what they think is the perfect Christmas gift, and whoever's idea is best, we'll give them their perfect gift!"

Everyone, of course, had different ideas, as was quickly revealed by singers performing "Give us a Gift for Christmas."

Some of those ideas were downright basic, from the ECS students, who asked Santa for "Just one thing:" new front teeth, to the somewhat older students, who knew that Grandma would know just what to get them and declared, "I Love My Furry Slippers."

The mall had all kinds of visitors, from Tanisha, who told Santa, "Of course I've been a good girl," to some young rascals who would undoubtedly be "Getting' Rocks for Christmas." Then there were the two young fellows, one who wanted his spice in the form of cinnamon buns, and one who'd prefer the Spice Girls, who took no time at all to appear in answer to his request.

The meek little charity bell ringer was a bit puzzled by it all.

"Why can't they see that shopping, buying and wrapping isn't what it's all about?" he queried.

Wrapping? Did someone say wrapping? Lucas said he could use some help wrapping, and was immediately surrounded by a crowd of rappers.

The entries were still pouring in, with one shopper saying they'd like a house with a pool. One with more immediate needs said she'd happily settle for a parking space.

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Vicki Brooker photo

"Of Course I've Been a Good Girl!"

Tanisha left no doubt in Santa's mind that she was worthy of a very fine gift this Christmas, when she visited him at the Buymore Shopping Mall in the Thursday, Dec. 20 concert.

Bittersweet brunch at FGM

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The annual pre-Christmas celebration of students, staff and special guests at F. G. Miller Jr. - Sr. High School was a bit quieter this year, and more than a few tears were shed as a moving tribute was paid to former classmate and student Timmy Quinney, the victim of a fatal vehicle crash in October.

Quinney's parents and siblings were guests of honour at the brunch, and were presented with his high school jacket and grad ring by Students' Union represen-

tatives Natalie Maas and Melissa Frisby. His volleyball teammates presented his volleyball jersey, framed by Mr. Shankowski's shop class. A sports scholarship is being established in Quinney's memory.

As Devin Quinney took his brother's place in the lineup of servers for the brunch, Pastor Jim MacLellan came forward to say grace, acknowledging the Quinney family and noting, "There is great comfort in knowing that people care. I commend you on your strength. We will all continue to support you."

The support shown in the days soon after the accident has evolved into a major campaign which will bring comfort to many. A long lineup of bears and other stuffed animals awaited collection by Guy Genereux and Fran Harder of Victim Services after the brunch.

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Natalie Maas presented a special Timmy Quinney memorial bear to Guy Genereux of Victims Services, whose personnel "were here for us" in the time of tragedy.





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Perfect gift

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That's one of the hazards of last-minute shopping, and as time ran out, a whole crowd of last-minute shoppers were singing the blues.

The contest was a big success, with 10,000 entries for the researchers to dig through. Amazingly, the winning entry came from the bell ringer, who stated that the perfect gift was "one that shares the joy of Christmas with others. I would like to host a dinner for the homeless."

All the B classes were back on stage to sing "The Greatest Gift of All," and were joined by the ECS for "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

The stars of Thursday's concert came from Mrs. Fodchuk's KC, Mrs. Wood's KA, Mrs. Wozniak's 1B, Mrs. Tkachuk's 2B, Mr. Hymanyk's 3B, Mrs. Richard's 4B, Mr. Bilak's 5B, and Mrs. Holota's 6B classes.



This gang of rowdies seems quite resigned to the fact that they might be getting rocks in their Christmas socks.

Vicki Brooker photos



Brilliantly costumed dancers add a spicy touch to the concert after one shopper told his friend that cinnamon buns just don't do the job - the spice he's looking for is the Spice Girls.



A bite of reality comes from the combined KA and KC classes, who reminded the crowd that Christmas can be downright unfulfilling if you're missing your front teeth when turkey time comes around.

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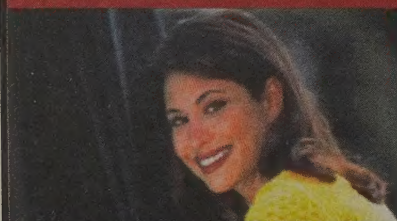
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There's nothing quite like the warm, fuzzy feeling that you get from Grandma's annual contribution of furry slippers.



A whole lot of rapping - if not wrapping - was going on at the mall as Christmas got closer by the minute.



Vicki Brooker photos

Bears and Brass

The music students of Randal Krys (above) provided pre-brunch entertainment in a holiday mood, including for the first time, "The Hanukkah Song." At left, Denise Bjorkman and some of her volunteer crew presented Guy Genereux and Fran Harder of Victim Services with a truckload of bears and other stuffed friends which will help comfort victims of accident and crime.

Bittersweet brunch at FGM

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"A lot will benefit from what these students started," Genereux said. "The response has been overwhelming. In the past, police cars have carried bears to hand out to victims

of accidents and trauma, but they haven't had any recently. Now we will have lots for them to give out.

"We've got a whole lot of partners in compassion with this drive."

Another loss was also

acknowledged at the brunch.

School receptionist Darlene Sereda came forward to pay tribute to Harry Uniat, a teacher at FGM for 19 years, who passed away Nov. 26 at the age of 93. A

colleague of former teachers Albert Boratyniec and Ray Hellquist, who attended the brunch, Sereda said, "Mr. Uniat taught Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Ray Danyluk, Mr. Shankowski and me. He taught matric subjects and some 20 courses, and performed his magic in the chem. lab.

"He was the original myth buster. His antics and his concern for the students made him a legend."

Uniat originated the first Wapiti concession, he was both a students union and yearbook advisor, he coached sports teams and was one of the organizers for the first Christmas brunches. A great communi-

ty supporter and a Lions Club member, he campaigned long and hard for the building of the A. G. Ross Arena.

A scholarship is being established in his name.

Messages from School Board representative

Darrell Younghans and Central Office representative Glenda Bristow were also part of the program.

Music students, under the direction of Randall Krys, provided musical entertainment for the morning.

Mayor reflects on exciting year, tremendous growth

By MAYOR PARRISH TUNG AND COUNCIL
Town of Elk Point.

On behalf of my fellow councillors and the town staff, we wish you a safe and happy New Year.

This past year has been an exciting one for our town. We had our Centennial celebration on the weekend of June 30 and July 1. We truly appreciate all the volunteers who made this event such a successful one.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of our town staff. They have been providing excellent services to our town year after year.

Councillor Bernice Capjack, who was the chair for the Centennial and Canada Day Committee reports on this major celebration:

"The Elk Point Homecoming which was Elk Point's 100th birthday and Canada Day celebrations was attended by several thousand people. Visitors from B.C., Saskatchewan, Ontario and England came home to enjoy the two full days of activities. Events included a parade, tours, historical presentations, a silent auction, a peroghy dinner, a banquet, a pancake breakfast, an interdenominational church service, a strength competition, bed races, children's activities, a farm partner obstacle race and fireworks

Cookbooks and T-shirts were bought as a reminder of these two wonderful days."

I would so like to thank the candidates who ran in our last election and also to the many eligible residents in our Town who took the time to participate in the democratic process. It is also with gratitude that we say, "Goodbye" to our departing councillors. We had a tremendous working relationship for the past term. I offer my thanks on behalf of our community to your contribution and hard work.

Our Town has seen some tremendous growth in the year 2007. There was a great interest in residential and commercial development.

Just some figures for your information:

- In 2005, total permit value was \$1,428,000
- In 2006, total permit value was \$2,249,000 including three new homes.
- In 2007, New Homes —\$4,549,000; Industrial—\$2,405,000; Garage addition—\$293,000 for a total of \$7,247,000 in new development.

This represented an increase of 323 per

cent in development compared to 2006 figure.

These new developments will naturally bring added pressure on our infrastructure in Town. However, the new MSI funding available from our Provincial Government helps our community in addressing these growth pressures.

Where do we go from here?

Our first priority is to have a long term strategic plan in place to handle the expected growth. This plan will include our Capital Plan in Infrastructure.

Further, we must aggressively promote our Town. As such, we are launching a new town website this coming year. Further, we will be addressing the issue of signage this year.

The upgrade of our water treatment plan will be scheduled for 2008. This will create a heavy burden to our budget, as we have to pay 33.3 per cent of the total cost. Just to illustrate the increase in construction cost—when this project was first discussed the total cost was \$600,000+. Now, we are looking at a total cost of around \$3,000,000.

Secondly, we also are looking at developing some industrial land this year to answer the increasing demand.

These two projects will become the focus for the year 2008.

Council will also look at the continued replacement of sidewalks which will be done by our own Public Works staff due to the high cost of contracting.

Due to the changing demand in economic development, council had also decided to reorganize our Economic Development Committee. Therefore, we are in the process of introducing a new bylaw in regards to the EDC. We will expand the membership in order to get more involvement from our residents. As such, once the bylaw is in place in the New Year, council will be actively looking for volunteers who will be able to look at the "overall betterment of the town in their decision making".

Well, friends and neighbours, Council is looking forward to a prosperous year in terms of growth for our town. We will always strive to make decisions based on improving the overall welfare of the town.

We welcome your feedback and suggestion always.

In closing, may we wish you a healthy and rewarding year.

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EDITORIAL

Fearless, but only 50-50

It's the time of year we look back at our predictions for 2007, just to see how many of them came true.

Two did, without question.

First of all, we predicted that a fantastic Centennial and Canada Day celebration would bring huge crowds to town to remember when. It certainly did, and many of those people were folks who haven't been home in a very long time. It was really good to see everyone and to find out where their lives have taken them.

Secondly, we predicted new homes on new streets in a new subdivision, and new families coming to town. The new subdivision is coming along nicely, and we see new faces on a regular basis.

The Allied Arts community cultural centre isn't coming along quite as quickly as hoped, but as in the story of the tortoise and hare, slow and steady will prevail in time. We'd call that one half right.

The new version of the Economic Development Advisory Board got one of the focus groups working, at least. So, that's about a quarter right. Hopefully the new, new version will expand on that and charge full steam ahead.

New predictions require more thought. Check back next week, in our very first edition of 2008,

WAY BACK WHEN...

Bright lights and big plans

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND LAKELAND REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31 IN...

1987

Pauline Pankiw created a picture in pink and white to win first place in the residential division of the chamber of commerce lighting and decorating contest, with Andy Mikitka and Nick Melnyk's displays placing second and third, while Dave's Pizza placed first, Capitol Drugs second and the TD Bank third in the commercial division. The first-ever Christmas Extravaganza was a huge success, with Helene Madill, a holiday visitor from Sorrento, BC, winning the trip to Las Vegas.

1992

Elk Point Golf and Country Club was going full steam ahead with a project that would give them grass greens and an irrigation system to keep them that way, and had already constructed a 4.5 million gallon water reservoir. Joe and Jeanne Miller, Russ and Terry Hebblethwaite and Rich and Brenda Patroch placed first, second and third respectively in the Christmas Lighting and Decorating contest, with Dave's Pizza, Home Town Grocers and Capitol Drugs winning the commercial honours.

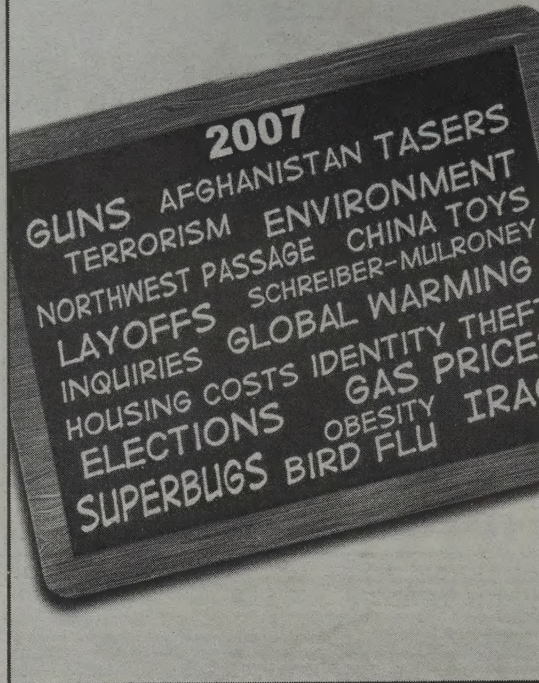
1997

F. G. Miller's Grade 12 students cooked up a huge Christmas brunch for their teachers, fellow students and special guests, an event which was previously spearheaded by the teachers. Warm weather forced cancellation of two planned events at the fourth annual First Night Festival, but events at seven venues were still on the agenda for the afternoon and evening of Dec. 31.

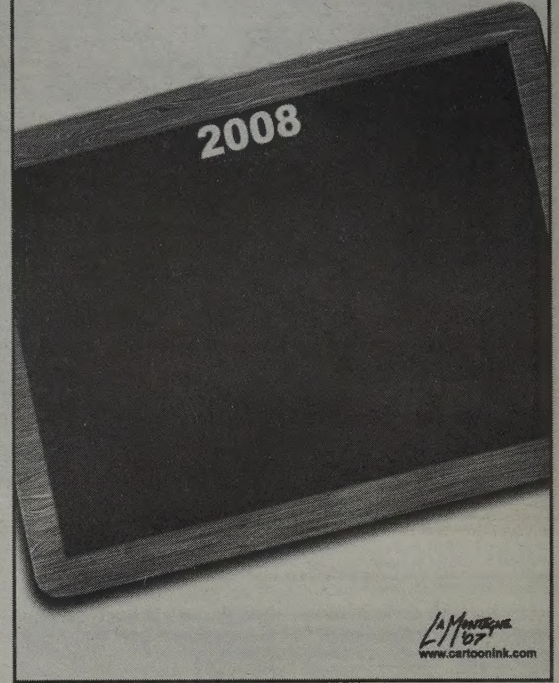
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Elk Point looked back at a busy and productive year, which wound up with big pre-Christmas wins for the Atom Avalanche, Girls Storm and Micro Novice Tornados. Elk Point Baptist Church announced that former Pastor John McGregor and his wife Roberta would be coming back for a week of meetings in January, aimed at healing families in turmoil.

PROBLEMS?



WHAT PROBLEMS?



GUEST COLUMN

Past and future

As we end 2007 and begin the year 2008, many of our thoughts are probably about all that happened this past year. Of course, in Elk Point we celebrated our centennial. We remembered our 100 years of settlement. It was fun to combine the beauty of the past and look forward to all the best hope of the future.

Speaking of hope of the future, there is a thought that there is nothing more essential than hope. In the words of Samuel Johnson, "It is necessary to hope... for hope itself is happiness."

Some would disagree with this statement. Situations that are hostile to the human spirit spring up all around us. Such unfavourable conditions would have us believe that defeat is inevitable - that there is no tomorrow. The powers of negativism would have us mock hope and destroy faith. But, at such moments, we must separate ourselves from our shortcomings and our setbacks. And remember that failure is an event, it is never a person. Our life may be disrupted by disappointments and shattered by sorrows, but hope is today and faith in tomorrow are what give purpose and meaning to life. Our bodies, minds and spirits may not be as strong as we'd like, but we always have room to grow, to experience, to change and to hope.

The world in which we live is a model of hope. Out of the hardened, winter earth come forth soft, spring tulips. Out of the den of hibernation comes the revitalized bear. From within the protective chrysalis emerges the delicate butterfly. Year after year, such natural happenings remind us of the fresh start and the new life. So from all of this, we



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EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

have every reason to have the best hope for the future. Hope in the future can come from our families or from the community in which we live. Now our community celebration of the centennial is over, we can remember that because of our past, we have all the best hope in the future.

Yes, there is beauty in the past. For example, many of us hold dear the memories of our childhood. School days with friends, our first bicycle, the tree house we helped to build may be a few such memories. But we also may remember those moments that at the time didn't seem particularly significant, such as having a pizza or picnic with Mom or summer hikes with Dad.

We may remember those little moments for one reason - they were times spent with our parents. As we struggle through life, do we purposely take the time to give our children memories they will cherish - not the grand, expensive items and events they seem to want, but the simple, small moments of our time, our friendship? One mother of six children learned that it was the one-on-one time spent with each child that meant the most and had the greatest influence on our children when they were grown. It was the little moments of reading a favourite book with each child, walking around the block, or taking one child at a time to the grocery store that seemed to matter most. Then outside the family, there is the community we live in. For example, we could remember names of teachers, coaches, etc., who made an impression upon us and we remember several happenings we shared together. So yes, beauty of the past can come from memories from our families or people and happenings in the community in which we live.

When we combine both the beauty of the past and the best hope of the future with us individually, in our families and in our community, we have every reason to acknowledge that we live in a great place. After all, we live in the community of Elk Point and the beauty of the first 100 years of settlement is now in the past and we have all the best hope in the future.

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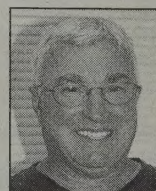
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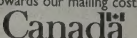
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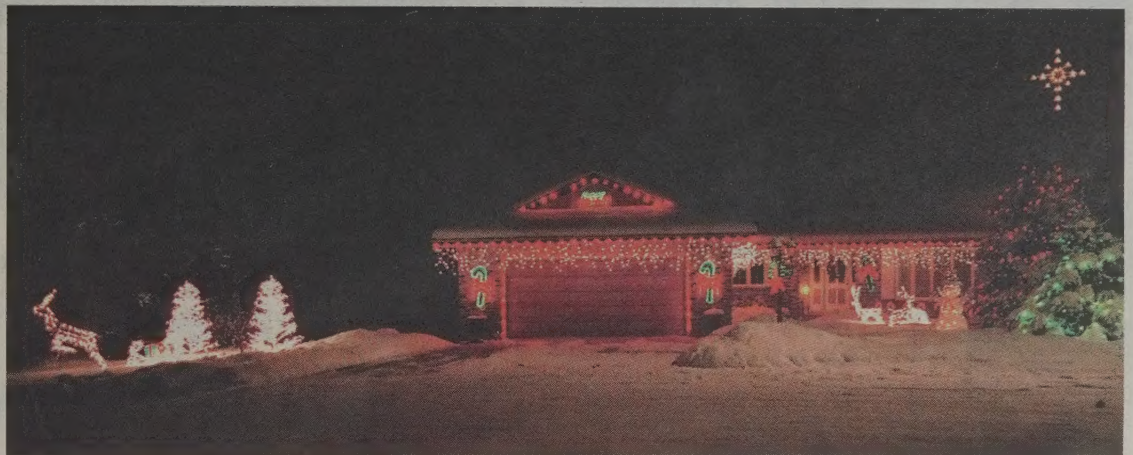


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Bright lights win Chamber's contest

The winners in the 2007 Christmas Lighting and Decorating Contest were Willie Lesyk's wide-angle display above, which took first prize, neighbour David Buksa's star-topped beauty at right, which came second, and first-time decorator Elvis Sibal's small but showy display below, which placed third. Many other homes were also well adorned for Christmas, and gave the judges a challenging time to determine the winners. Thanks to everyone who decorated their homes for making Elk Point a community Santa just couldn't miss.

Vicki Brooker photos



Sleeping man stabbed at Frog Lake

A woman has been charged with attempted murder in an incident where a man was stabbed once in the midsection while sleeping at his home in Frog Lake.

Just before midnight on Dec. 22, Elk Point RCMP received the report of a stabbing in Frog Lake First Nations. The man involved had fled after the stabbing to a neighbour's house and had managed to call for help, RCMP said in a news release.

Emergency vehicles transported the man to Elk Point Health Centre, and he was later transported to Edmonton for further treatment. The RCMP has said he is expected to fully recover.

Shawna Dawn Scarlett, also of Frog Lake, was located and arrested in connection with the incident. In

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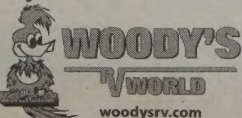
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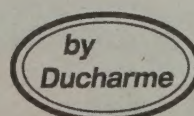
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Give yourself and your family the gift of good health - avoid norovirus

BY ASPEN REGIONAL HEALTH

In the last month 15 suspected outbreaks of gastrointestinal illness due to norovirus (formerly 'Norwalk virus') have been identified in nursing homes, seniors' residences, schools and child care facilities in Edmonton and the surrounding area. Aspen Health is advising residents, especially during the holiday season, to be mindful of the spread of norovirus.

Norovirus is a highly contagious viral infection that occurs throughout the year, but is more common in the winter months. Symptoms include vomiting and diarrhea, and may also include muscle aches and low-grade fever. Although unpleasant, symptoms usually only last 24 to 48 hours and require no special treatment.

Norovirus can be spread by eating food or drinking liquids that are contaminat-

ed with norovirus. It can also be spread by someone touching surfaces or objects contaminated with norovirus and then either by placing their hands in their mouth or having direct contact with another person who is infected and showing symptoms.

"Anyone who is ill should refrain from visiting loved ones in seniors' residences and other facilities, and from preparing food for others. Children who are ill

with symptoms of norovirus should stay home from school or day care until they are feeling better," said Dr. David Johnson, Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. Johnson recommends a few simple precautions to help people stay healthy and avoid illness during the upcoming holiday season:

■ Always wash your hands after using the washroom, after providing care to an ill person, after handling soiled laundry and before handling

food. Washing your hands breaks the chain of transmission.

■ Anyone who is vomiting and/or had diarrhea should, when possible, avoid the following activities until symptoms are over:

- (a) attending schools or child care facilities
- (b) visiting friends or relatives in seniors' residences, nursing homes or hospitals
- (c) preparing food for others.

Pioneer Circle bingo

Dec. 10, 2007

Ivy Ference \$36, Sophie Stamp \$60, Trudy McGillvery \$20, Kay Wozniak \$62, Lorna Best \$20, Jeannie Duffee \$10, Harry Shankowski \$20, Caroline Shankowski \$23, Jerry John \$7, Hazel Hannah \$20, Flora Gladue \$20, Walter Anderson \$20, Josephine Mountain \$110, Shirley Vangas \$10, Viola Yarmuch \$20, Ernestine Dion \$33, Carole Kulczycki \$13, Anita Ballas \$80, Lucille Smith \$47, Sylvester Gladue \$16, Dina Leaf \$16.

Elk Point Review Salutes the BEAUTIFUL BABIES of the Year 2007

Congratulations to all the parents and families of these beautiful additions to their families!



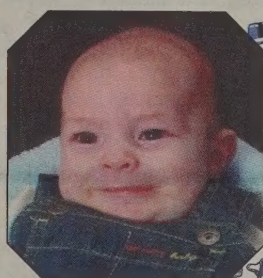
Ayvah Leighan Smith

Date of Birth:

May 2, 2007

Weight: 6 lbs. 9 oz. Height: 19 1/2"

Daughter of Roger & Tiffany Smith



Mason Quinn Porcina

Date of Birth:

August 30, 2007

Weight: 7 lbs. 7 oz. Height: 20"

Son of Sheldon & Krista Porcina



Ashley Gloria Lecopoy

Date of Birth:

March 12, 2007

Weight: 7 lbs. 4 oz. Height: 21"

Daughter of Jody & Rhonda Lecopoy



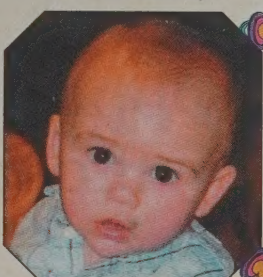
Brooklyn Grace Porcina

Date of Birth:

March 16, 2007

Weight: 8 lbs. 6 oz. Height: 22"

Daughter of Curtis & Jaime Porcina



Gavin Lyndon Kadutski

Date of Birth:

February 5, 2007

Weight: 8 lbs. 1 oz. Height: 19 1/4"

Son of Jon & Lori Kadutski



Elizabeth Dawn Reitsema

Date of Birth:

August 23, 2007

Weight: 6 lbs. 15 oz. Height: 21"

Daughter of Chris & Jaylene Reitsema



Andrew Peter Lecopoy

Date of Birth:

June 13, 2007

Weight: 9 lbs. 9 1/2 oz.

Height: 55 cm

Son of Chris & Erna Lecopoy



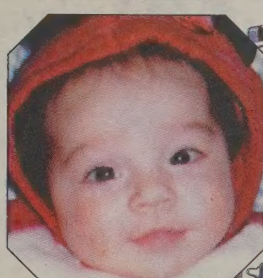
Griffin Mitchell Purdy

Date of Birth:

October 18, 2007

Weight: 8 lbs. 3 oz. Height: 21"

Son of James & Terina Purdy



Emily Marie Deschamps

Date of Birth:

July 19, 2007

Weight: 8 lbs. 3 oz. Height: 50 cm

Daughter of Joe & Melissa Deschamps



Ellerion Indy Smith

Date of Birth:

May 17, 2007

Weight: 6 lbs. 15 oz.

Height: 21"

Daughter of Sandy & LoAnne Smith



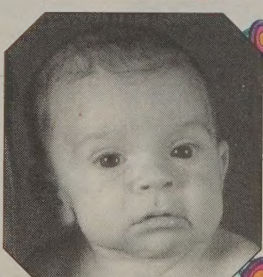
Isaac Richard Osinchuk

Date of Birth:

May 29, 2007

Weight: 6 lbs. 5 oz. Height: 19 1/2"

Son of Roger & Danelle Osinchuk



Aidan James Povaschuk

Date of Birth:

August 1, 2007

Weight: 7 lbs. 12 oz. Height: 20"

Son of Clinton & Jamie Povaschuk



Kadyon Richard Bourne

Date of Birth:

February 19, 2007

Weight: 7 lbs. 10 oz. Height: 20"

Son of Ken & Tania Bourne

Congratulations to all the families who welcomed new additions in 2007!



Johanna Margaret MacKinnon

Date of Birth:

January 11, 2007

Weight: 9 lbs. Height: 54.5 cm

Daughter of Mark & Rachel MacKinnon



Christian Community Church Christmas

The Christian Community Church Sunday School students starred as shepherds, angels, wise men and the Holy family as they acted out the story of Jesus' birth at the Dec. 23 service. A slightly off-kilter narrator gave the story a few new twists, to the delight of the audience of proud parents and grandparents.



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Opposition to proposed Stoney Lake RV site

By JANANI WHITFIELD
Staff Writer

(County Council news continued from Dec. 18)

Allan Connor wrote a letter to County of St. Paul council "in total opposition" about a proposed RV site near Stoney Lake, laying out reasons why the decision would be a poor choice. He pointed out that Stoney Lake was small, and wouldn't be able to handle the influx of people and activity resulting from the RV site. Other concerns he had were about overcrowding, sewage at the site affecting ground soil, pressure on fish supplies and wealthy city people crowding the grounds with large RVs. "What does the county

gain to stand from this?" Connor asked in his letter. The problems outweigh the benefits of an RV site, and he suggested at the very least, an environmental impact study should be conducted to assess the possible effects.

Council listened to the letter, but did not have further discussions on the item.

STARS seeks partnership

The Alberta Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) sought to team up with county of St. Paul to defray operating costs for two new technology helicopters.

Reeve Robert Bouchard said he respected STARS and considered it a valuable

asset to the community. He added it was his understanding that STARS had considerable financial assistance already.

"STARS is very much supported by the government," he said. Bouchard said he would like to see a financial statement or some other indication about the financial footing of STARS before taking any more action. The item was tabled until administration could gather more information for council.

FCSS position opens

The County of St. Paul's Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) has had Tammy Elkow serving as the interim director, but now council is advertising for a permanent director for the department.

"Tammy has done an excellent job in the past couple of months," said Bouchard. But the employment policy dictates that the job be advertised, he said.

The county determined that it would advertise the position and keep the competition open until Jan. 11, 2008.

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Storm dominate, Avs stocking well filled

What more could you ask for Christmas from your team, than the first win of the season? Head coach Brent Becker was as proud as punch of his girls. "Hey, there really is a Santa."

The Bantam Girls Storm not only won the game; they dominated, winning 6 to 1 over Lac La Biche on Saturday, Dec. 22 "The Champ" Kelsey Vinge snapped, pounding in a hat trick. "Tori" T Rex" Becker buried two, Mariah Poitras potting a single and adding two assists to the game sheet. Katie Maennchen with two assists, Alyssa Harms and Lindsey "Goldilocks" MacDonald both with helpers as well. Goalie, Rbyn Maennchen stood strong in net for the Storm holding back the Lac La Biche force.

Talk about bad timing, with the holiday season almost upon them, the Pee wee Avalanche had some kind of flu going through the team, or maybe they had some bad eggnog, whatever it was, a few boys were already down for the count and the rest were missing their usual spunk and didn't fair quite as well as the girls, losing to Kitscoty on Saturday 8 to 3 and Lloydminster on Sunday 8 to 2. "Dan the man" Garrett scoring two on Saturday. Trever "the Kid" Ballas battling the flu but still managing to score one, Dakota Amyotte, MacKenzie "King" Roberts and Brett "the Moose" Ockerman all assisting.

On Sunday the team wasn't getting any better, "the Kid" and Logan "Paycheck" Becker both missing the game. Rylan Buffalo and Mackenzie "King" Roberts

scoring, Matthew "Bruise Brother" Jenner assisting. Late in the game the rugged D man Matthew "Bruise Brother" Jenner was crunched hard into the boards and left the game. With some other D men sick and some others in the sin bin, forwards "Dan the Man" Garrett and Andrew, the other "Bruise brother" Jenner had to pitch in, playing the last five minutes on the blue line without a break. Hopefully after the Christmas break everyone will come back healthy again.

It's a good thing those Pee wee Avs hung up a really big stocking for Santa, because he needed a lot of room to pack in their dream gift: the 2008 Pee wee 'D' Provincials. It's right there in black and white on the Hockey Alberta website, letting the whole world know that Elk Point is one of 33 communities hosting a provincial tournament this year. The 'Big Show' goes March 13 to 16, and the organizing committee is going to need the whole community to help welcome the rest of the province to Elk Point.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: "The only difference between the Coyotes and Days of our Lives is that nobody has been shot on our team yet." Last week's answer to: "I've always felt we weren't physical enough on the back line. Now there's a no parking sign in front of our net." - San Jose Sharks GM Dean Lombardi on the addition of Marty McSorley.

Do you have any scoops? Please email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

doug BASSETT

Review Sports



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Legion Poppy Contest Winners

St. Paul Royal Canadian Legion Branch representative Mae Hendrickson visited Elk Point Elementary School on Dec. 19 to present a number of awards in the Legion's Poppy Contest. Winners were: Junior Essay - 1st place-Brooke Gormley; Junior Poem - 1st - Rachael Walton, 2nd - Shelby Berg, 3rd - Colin Nazarchuk; Junior Poster(color) -1st - Kassandra Moores, 2nd Brooke Gormley; Junior Poster(black and white) - 3rd - Meagan Kinaschuk; Intermediate Poster(color) - 2nd - Lindsey MacDonald; Intermediate Poster(black and white) - 1st - Seanna-Joye Leaf 3rd - Katie Maennchen.

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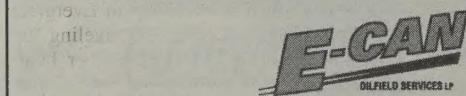
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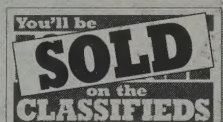
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More scenes from Thursday's Concert

The search to determine "The Best Gift Ever" stemmed from research conducted by the three knowledgeable folks at top left.

By Christmas eve, everyone is shopped out and singing the Last Minute Shoppers' Blues (above).

At right, Don Buryn is the man behind the music for the whole concert, here accompanying the entire cast in "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."



County council notes

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Dust control

Administration brought forward a proposal regarding dust control, suggesting that when a road is built taking out dust controls, replacement dust controls should be added to the dust control allotment for that division, over and above the original amount.

Coun. Glen Ockerman pointed out that dust control applications have to be done within three years of construction.

He suggested that details of how and when dust control is applied should be left to the public works superintendent.

Coun. Frank Sloan was opposed to setting out any restrictions on how and when dust control is applied. "Don't get yourself tied into policy, just leave it open," he advised.

New website

Administrator Kim Heyman told council that administration had been looking into websites of other municipalities. The County of St. Paul's website was "OK, but lacking," she said.

Heyman said she had found out that the Town of St. Paul was looking at a particular website designer, which Heyman thought the county could also use.

The web page could include the county's bylaws and council minutes, as well as have an interactive community calendar, she said.

The costs for the first year of creating and maintaining such a webpage would be \$3,000, with costs decreasing afterwards, said Heyman.

Airport commission decision questioned

Coun. Maxine Fodness said that the airport commission has reformed, with Town of St. Paul Coun. Pat Gratton as the chair. The members of the commission decided that Pat O'Neill could be hired to consult on fencing for the airport to keep out wildlife, as O'Neill, a former town councillor, had been heading up that initiative.

The consultant fee had not yet been determined.

Ockerman said it seemed odd to hire O'Neill to do the job, without advertising for anyone else to take up the position. Ockerman also asked why someone in the committee couldn't be responsible for coordinating the fencing project.

"We considered it easier for Pat to do it, since he's been involved," said Fodness.

Evergreen Waste pays board

Bouchard brought some good news to the table, stating that council would no longer have to pay for his participation in Evergreen Waste Management.

Evergreen board members are paid out of municipal funds, but Bouchard said he hadn't thought that arrangement was fair, since as chairman of Evergreen Waste, he must do more traveling and attend more meetings than other board members. The board agreed the chairman would be paid out of Evergreen funds. But with new municipalities joining Evergreen Waste, the board reconsidered and decided it might be best if Evergreen began to pay for all board members' compensations. Municipalities will still support board members' pay through tipping fees, Bouchard said.

Rec facilities get grants

Council approved a number of recreational facilities grants for 2007, including \$1,000 each for Armistice Community Hall, Ashmont Legion Hall, Cork Hall Association, Frog Lake Community Club and St. Vincent Recreation Centre. Elk Point Ag Society received \$2,000, while Lafond Community Centre received \$1,500.

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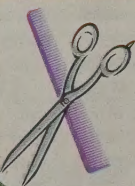
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